



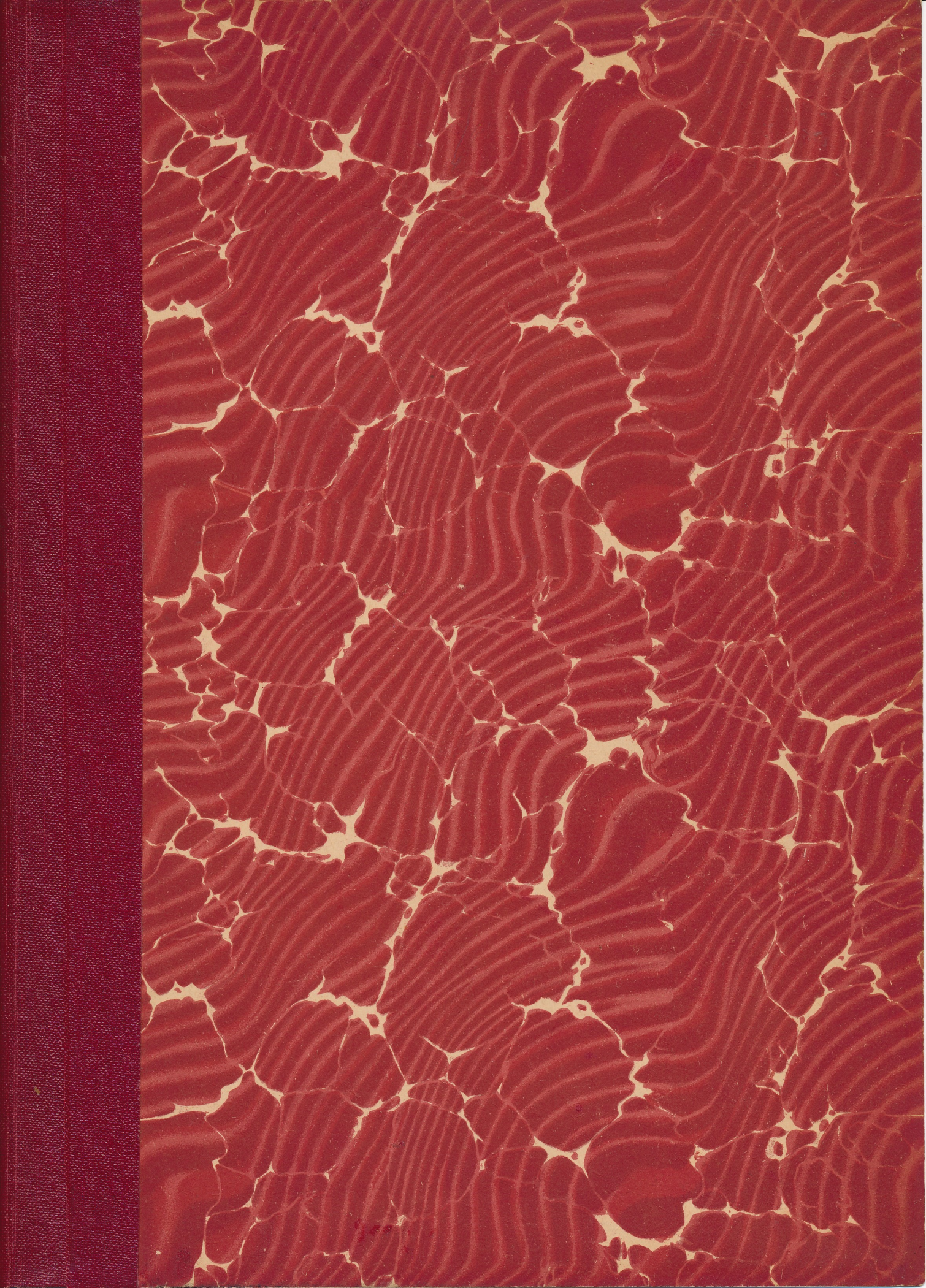


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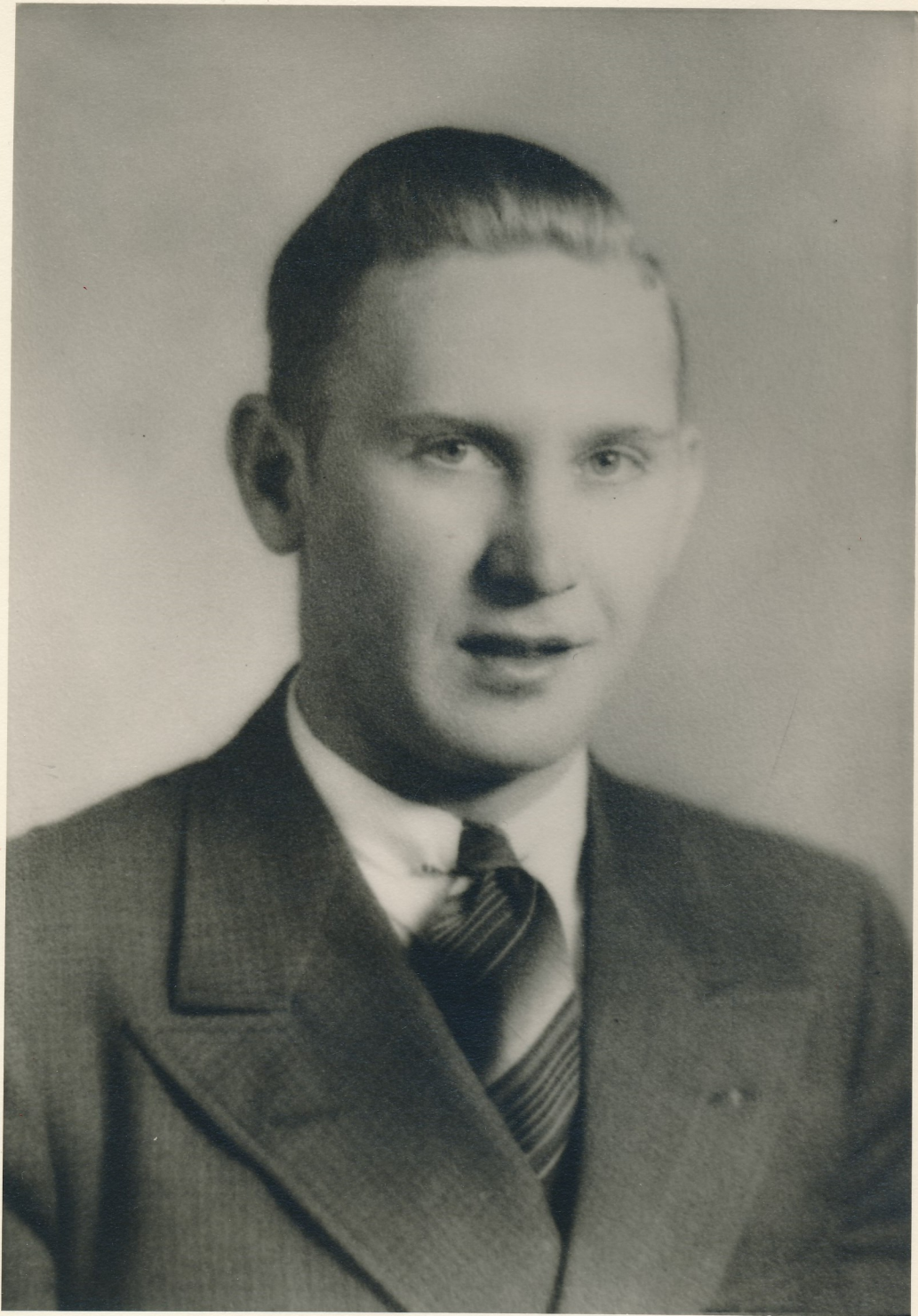


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### Adrian's Birth

Adrian De Visser was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, September 16, 1916, a son of Josias and Katherine Van Gemert De Visser, both of whom were born in The Netherlands and came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in their youth and were married in Kalamazoo and now, 1946, reside at 320 Maple Court.

Dena De Visser was Adrian's older sister and resides with her parents.

Henry De Visser, a brother of Adrian, served in the United States Army, was stationed in Canada, and was honorably discharged and resides with his parents.

Marie De Visser, a sister to Adrian, married Joseph Kiewiet, who also served in the United States Army.

Abraham De Visser, Adrian's younger brother, resides with his parents.

### Adrian's Education

Adrian De Visser attended the McKinley and Washington Schools and was graduated from Central High School in February, 1935.

### Marriage

On August 6, 1941, two months after Adrian left for service in the army, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slunick and son accompanied Miss Margaret Gipson of Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Texas to attend her marriage to Adrian De Visser, which was solemnized at Mineral Wells, Texas, by the Reverend E. H. Lightfoot







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August 9, 1941. Margaret is the daughter of Perry and Mary Foster Gipson, both natives of the United States. Margaret was born in Fairmount, Indiana, March 21, 1921. Her mother died when Margaret was two and one-half years of age. Margaret also attended Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She had the following brothers and sister:

Glen, who married Dorothy Wiles and resides in California;

Frederick, who married Virginia Gibbs and lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Madeline, who married Kennard Craft and lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Joseph, who married Marguerite Freeman and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Margaret Gipson De Visser was with her husband in Texas, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia and remained with him until he was shipped overseas. Three days after Adrian De Visser was reported missing in action, his daughter, Jeannie Joanne, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, February 19, 1944. She died August 7, 1944, and was buried on the third wedding anniversary of her parents.

#### Personal Characteristics

Adrian De Visser was five feet seven and one-half inches tall, of medium weight, had blonde hair and complexion and large blue eyes.







Adrian De Visser had little time or inclination for sports, although he enjoyed some swimming and hunting. He took life seriously. When his father was stricken with tuberculosis and was taken to Fairmount Hospital when Adrian was twelve years of age and the father remained in the hospital for thirteen years, Adrian assumed the responsibilities usually borne by the father. He remained in school and found odd jobs after school and Saturdays and during the summer vacations to help his mother. When he was through school he worked with C. L. Mahoney as a plumber and was highly commended for his workmanship.

Adrian was popular with young and old. He was friendly with and interested in various groups of people. He was devoted to his parents and his brothers and sisters. He was a faithful and affectionate husband.

Adrian was brought up in a Christian home in the Dutch Reformed Church and attended its services regularly and adhered to its teachings. He was beloved by many for his splendid qualities of mind and heart.

The following is an excerpt from a letter by one of Adrian's buddies in service, "Mickey" Heben:

"I've known Adrian for quite some time, in fact,







since the days in Camp Barkeley where we met. Since that time I've been with "Dee" all the time. We also went overseas together, both being in the same company.

I have learned to cherish his friendship. What a fine, clean cut man! A man with a fine personality, good character and a heart of gold! I often think of "Dee." I can't help it. I've fought with him for a long time, up until that fateful morning in February - I can't go on, Mrs. De Visser, it hurts me to think of it. . . . .

"Dee" and I made a promise a long time ago to this effect - if something should happen to either one of us, the other would write to his folks . . . . .

I know that he was true to you."

Adrian laid down his life for his country and his body lies in foreign soil, but his soul goes marching on to the ultimate victory of the peace for which he fought so bravely.







John De Vries Jr.



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John De Vries, Jr., was killed after having been captured by a German patrol while on a wire repairing detail. He tried to escape from his captors and was killed by them, November 20, 1944.

He entered the United States Army February 11, 1944, and became Private ASN 36901324. He was inducted at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he remained but a short time and then went to Camp Blanding, Florida, for about three months to take his basic training. He then went to Fort Meade, Maryland, and on the way came home for about fifteen days. After about two weeks at Fort Meade he was shipped September 6, 1944, to England, where he remained for two or three weeks and then went to France. He was in the Third Infantry. His last letter home was dated October 29, 1944.

John's Birth

John was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 29, 1917, son of John, Sr., and Katie De Vries of Holland descent.

William De Vries, a brother of John, Jr.,  
married Ann Mejeur and they became the







parents of Roger John and Corine Kay and reside in Parchment, Michigan.

Harm De Vries, another brother of John, Jr., married Winifred Boekhout and they became the parents of Robert Noel and Donna and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Egbert De Vries, another brother, married Catherine Hassing and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Joe De Vries, another brother, married Marian Gerlof, was a Sergeant and served in France in World War II in the 47th Ordnance M. M. Company and was honorably discharged. He resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Henry De Vries, another brother, was a Private in Company C, 126th Infantry, 32nd Division, served in the Pacific area, was honorably discharged and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan, now, in 1946.

Roland De Vries, another brother, is in the United States Navy.

Raymond De Vries, another brother, resides with his parents at 517 Lulu street in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Grace De Vries, a sister, married Garrett Orbeck and they became the parents of Jo Ann and Janet Louise and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

John De Vries, Jr., attended the William Street Christian School and Central High School and afterward was employed for some time by the Clarage Fan Company.

#### Marriage

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Frances, who married Nick Scholten and they became the parents of Joan Marlene and Nicholas Lee and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Nellie, a twin sister of Nina, married Carl Bill and they became the parents of Nancy Lee and Kenneth Carl and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Nina Reyerse attended the Ebenezer Christian School and was graduated from the tenth grade.

She resides at 425 Molhoek Court, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

#### Personal Characteristics

John De Vries, Jr., was six feet tall and weighed about one hundred fifty pounds. He had blonde hair and blue eyes. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

He was a baptized member of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and exemplified its teachings in his daily life. He was kind to all with whom he came in contact among the people of this country and was devoted to his charming wife. He was a good soldier and served his country faithfully. He chose to make the effort to rejoin his comrades in arms rather than become a prisoner of war in the hands of enemies.







The following is a copy of a letter to Mrs. Nina De Vries from Major Lloyd E. Langford, Assistant Division Chaplain, and dated December 30, 1944:

My dear Friend:

By the time you receive this letter you will have been officially notified of the death of your loved one, John De Vries, Jr., who has given his life in the service of our country.

According to an officer of his company, he was on a wire repairing detail and was captured by a German patrol. He was killed in an attempt to escape from them. Your husband was well liked by all of his comrades. His character was excellent, and his work was above reproach.

As Protestant chaplain it was my sad duty to officiate at his burial. I wish to assure you that he received a service in keeping with the high principles for which he made the supreme sacrifice. He was laid to rest in a cemetery that is nicely located, and the surroundings have been developed as beautifully as possible. His individual grave is cared for with the reverent respect and honor which is due our national heroes.

During your sorrow I offer my kindest sympathy, and pray that comfort and strength from God will be constantly yours. Let us also trust Him for the speedy defeat of a dreadful enemy and the early return of peace to our beloved nation. Please be assured that your loss is also keenly felt by his comrades who are continuing the task before us. Through the help of God, victory will be ours.

I regret that my personal knowledge of the incidents surrounding the death of your loved one is very limited. If at any time you have questions concerning personal effects or place of burial, I suggest that you write to The Quartermaster General, ASF, Washington, D. C.

Yours sincerely,

November 20, 1945, there appeared in the Kalamazoo Gazette that which has been copied on the following page:







## DE VRIES JOHN JR.

In memory of our husband, son and brother  
who was killed in action in France one year  
ago today.

He has gone ahead like one who finds  
A flower pathway that winds and winds  
Over the hill to a promised land,  
Where peace and comfort go hand in hand.

Have we a right to wonder why  
He heard a call that passed us by?  
Have we a cause for grief and woe,  
Knowing that God has willed it so?

No. He is happy waiting there  
Where the winds are soft and the skies are fair.  
How can we speak of him as dead  
When he has only gone ahead.

The blow was hard, the shock severe.  
We never thought his death so near;  
Only those who have lost can tell  
The pain of parting without farewell.

Just when your life was brightest,  
Just when your years were best,  
You were called from this world of sorrow  
To a home of eternal rest.

- Mrs. Nina De Vries, Mr. and Mrs. John  
De Vries, Brothers and Sister.









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Fred Gould Dewey



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Fred Gould Dewey was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1861, son of Henry E., and Cornelia Gould Dewey. He had two brothers, Carl, who died at the age of four years, Julius Dewey, and a nephew, George G. Dewey, of Chicago.

Fred Gould Dewey attended school in South Haven, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school, the family having moved to South Haven when Fred was four years of age. His father was engaged in the lumber business. Fred also spent one year in a business academy in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Mr. Dewey then found employment in a general store in Standish, Michigan, as a bookkeeper and clerk for two years, after which he returned to South Haven to become bookkeeper and paymaster for the Hannas' Lumber Company. Later he became general manager for the extensive business interests of the Hannas.

After Mr. Hannas' death, Mr. Dewey began his banking career with C. J. Monroe in the State Bank of South Haven.







In 1890, he came to Kalamazoo as bookkeeper and teller for the Kalamazoo Savings Bank. Following a bank merger he was made cashier of the City Savings Bank, a position he held many years. In 1920, Mr. Dewey became vice president of that bank and was in charge of the real estate department.

He became vice president of the Bank of Kalamazoo after its consolidation with the Kalamazoo Bank and Trust Company and remained in that position until the bank closed.

#### His Interests Varied

In early manhood, Mr. Dewey became an active member of the First Congregational Church and served in various departments. He was a member of the board of trustees for some time. For thirty years he was a member of the Children's Home Association and served as secretary and treasurer during that time, giving his time freely for the interests of that institution. He was a charter member of the Outlook club and a sustaining member of the Symphony Orchestra for many years. He was also a charter member of the Burr Oak City Council No. 600 Royal Arcanum and for five years served as regent, the highest office of the organization, and was a member at the time of his death. At one time he belonged







to the Elks and the Maple Hills Golf club.

Mr. Dewey also served as a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and mission boards. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce; secretary-treasurer of the Maple Land Grove company; secretary of the Credit Men's Association for several years and served as president for two years. George H. Martin, the present manager, writes:

"Mr. Dewey was held in the highest esteem by our group and, no doubt, whatever success this organization has attained through these years, much of the credit may be due to Mr. Dewey's wise planning and supervision during the early years of the Association's activities."

He identified himself with the various movements and organizations for the promotion of civic interests. In 1920 he joined the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo and attended regularly until his failing health kept him at home.

Death came to Mr. Dewey February 18, 1940, at his home on Grand Avenue, Kalamazoo. He was survived by his wife, Alma N. Boyd Dewey; four children by a former marriage, Mrs. Guy Tyler, Mrs. Dan Eaton, Mrs. Cornelia Matthews, Kalamazoo; Ewart Dewey, residing in the West. He also left several grandchildren; a brother, Julius Dewey and a nephew, George G. Dewey, Chicago.







The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Paul Silas Heath, D. D., and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

En Voyage

There's a ship sailing on to a harbor,  
To a haven of comfort and rest.  
It's a ship of God's fashion and making,  
And it's voyage by Him will be blest.  
It departed with silence and beauty,  
With the Master Himself in command;  
As with dignity truly majestic  
It sailed on out of sight of all land.

There will always be clear sky above it;  
There will always be calmness below;  
There will never be storms to harass it,  
For the Master is on it, you know,  
And His wisdom will carry it safely  
To a port of His infinite peace,  
Where the light of His love will protect it  
With a blessing that never will cease.

You have watched it sail onward and outward,  
With a tear of regret in your eye,  
For a loved one was sailing upon it,  
And there's grief when you're saying goodbye,  
But your tears would be tears of rejoicing  
And your heart would be happy and free,  
If you only could look for a moment  
On that ship that is sailing to sea.

For the one you have loved is at leisure,  
With no worry or trouble or care;  
There's contentment beyond understanding  
In the way God's own passengers fare,  
And you'd know from your own observation  
That the sailing was joyful - not grim,  
For it means a new life and new living  
And a sweet close contact with Him.

Oh the solace there is in the knowledge  
Life is life and it always will be  
And it's simply a change of direction  
When we sail on His ship out to sea.  
And the tears that we shed for our loved ones







Are in truth shed for us left behind,  
For it hurts to give up to the Master  
Tho' we know He is gentle and kind.

So believe in His great and good wisdom.  
Trust in Him as you patiently wait.  
On His ship God is ever the pilot  
And the one you have loved is the mate.

Sailing on!

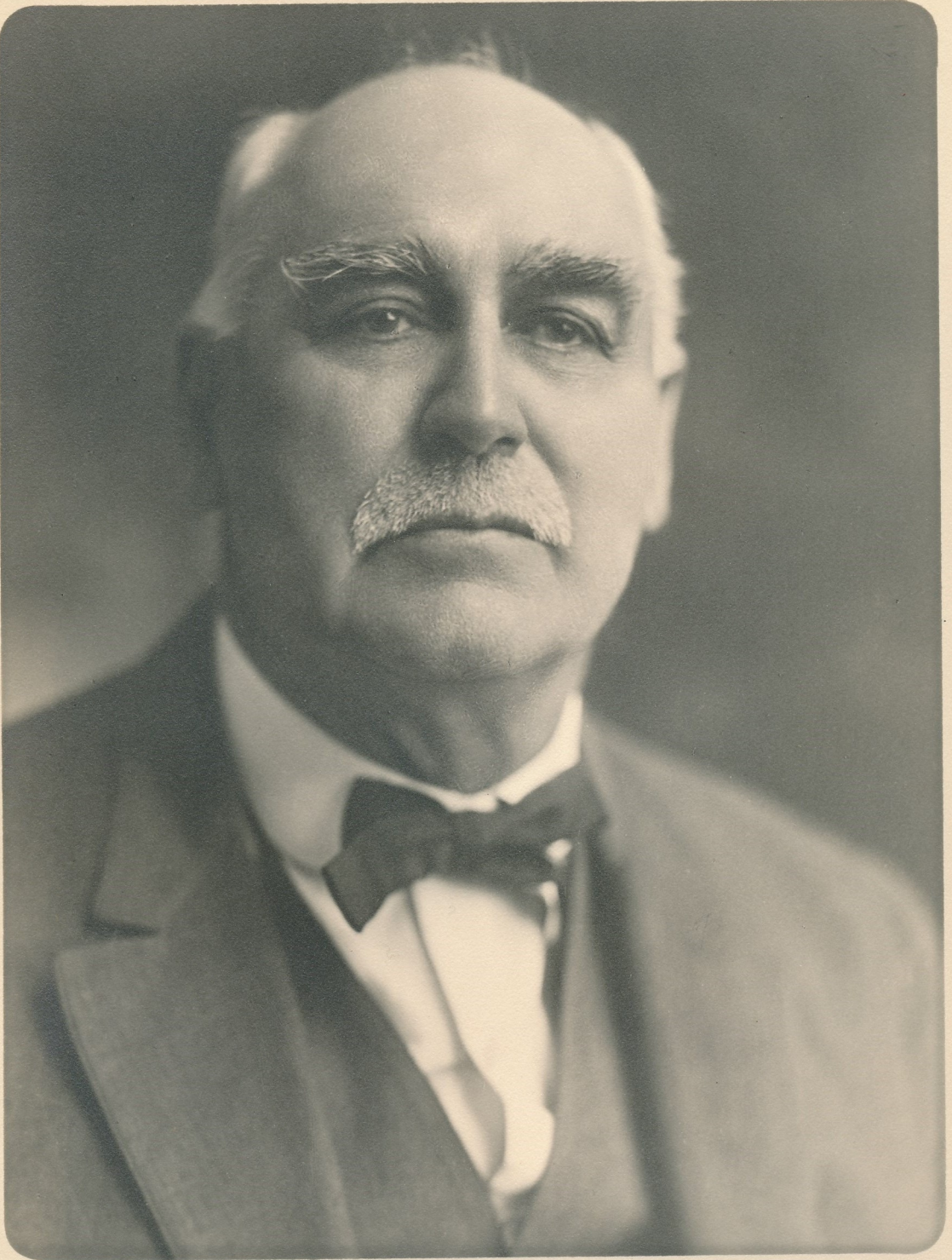
Pour Encourager Les Autres.

Written in 1940









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W. S. Dewing



W I L L I A M   G .   D E W I N G .

There came to Kalamazoo from England in 1836 a young man named William G. Dewing, who was born at Burnham Overy, Norfolk County, England, May 17th, 1809, one of eleven children.

He was educated in France and spoke the language fluently. Later on when he came to Kalamazoo, he brought a younger brother Frederick with him, the two going into business together as merchants, which they continued five years when the latter withdrew returning to England.

William G. Dewing continued the business alone a few years. He married here Jane Amelia Tuttle of Burlington, Vermont and to them were born four children, a daughter and three sons. They went to Jersey City, New Jersey to live and at the end of three years returned to Kalamazoo.

Mr. Dewing then went into the lumber business here with J. A. Kent, building a large factory with a lumber yard, the firm name being Dewing and Kent, which continued for some years when Mr. Kent retired. The three sons having grown to manhood formed a partnership with their father and the firm changed to Dewing & Sons which existed until within a few years. They established two new saw-mills to supply the







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business here with lumber, the first one at Lawton, Michigan and the later one at Allegan, Michigan.

The factory here was one of the largest industries of its time in Kalamazoo and employed about two hundred men, mostly Hollanders. Probably one of the most disastrous fires ever known here was when the factory and contents of the lumber yard burned to the ground on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, 1895, when Grand Rapids and Battle Creek were called on for help. Of the huge piles of lumber nothing but ashes remained.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewing were interested in many philanthropies, not only in Kalamazoo, but the State also. They founded the Children's Home here, gave the land and erected the building; also established an Industrial School for Girls which met every Saturday, teaching them to sew and make garments.

Mr. Dewing was a member of the first Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in 1837 and was interested in the Church as long as he lived. He died in April, 1884. He built at an early day a large home on East Lovell Street, the rear part of the lot now owned by Bronson Methodist Hospital. In this home were born three of their children, a daughter Amelia Dewing, a son William S. Dewing and the youngest son James H. Dewing. The second son Charles A. Dewing







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was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. The oldest son was born in Kalamazoo, September 17th, 1845, and died March 9, 1929. He was educated in the public schools here, Michigan State College and Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York. He married Caroline Woodford of Fredonia, New York, October 11, 1876. They had one child, a daughter, Winifred Woodford Dewing, now Mrs. William K. Wallace, living in New York State.

The most important industrial venture of Mr. William G. Dewing was the founding of the Kalamazoo Stove Co., He established it in conjunction with A. H. Dane and William Thompson and his brother Charles A. Dewing. He also served as a director in the Kalamazoo City Savings Bank, the Monarch Paper Co. and Kalamazoo Paper Co., Star Brass Works and many other Companies. He was at one time President of the Coated Paper Company that later merged with the Kalamazoo Paper Co., He was the sole owner of the Wm. G. Dewing Building on the corner of Main and Burdick Streets. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and a Vestry-man and Junior Warden until his health failed. He founded Lake Home for Boys and endowed it.

Charles A. Dewing, the second son, was born August 19, 1850 in Jersey City, New Jersey, where his







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parents and family lived for three years, then returned to Kalamazoo. He was educated in the public schools. He was a director in the Kalamazoo Trust and Savings Bank, the Allied Mills and Kalamazoo Stove Company. He died June 30, 1928, following an operation in the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

James H. Dewing was born in Kalamazoo, September 5, 1854. He died June 29, 1929. For many years he was General Manager of the Kalamazoo and Saginaw Railroad. He was Vice-president of the First National Bank and Trust Company and was also Vice-president of Henderson ' Ames Co. He was married January 9th, 1890 to Fannie Chapin, who died several years before him. Surviving are their son, Chapin A. Dewing who lives in this city and a daughter Elizabeth, now Mrs. Paul Todd, also living here.







Kenneth Peter DeWitte



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Ensign Kenneth Peter DeWitte was killed in an airplane crash at the Grosse Ile air station Monday June 25, 1945.

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 13, 1923, son of Peter DeWitte and his wife, Ada Klepper DeWitte, both of whom were born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, of Holland ancestry. At this time, 1946, they reside at 420 Sprague avenue in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They also became the parents of:

- Maurice K., who resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan;
- June, who married Leonard VandenBerg and they became the parents of Lenora and Shirley and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;
- Ruth, who resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan;
- Frances, who married Edward Longjohn and resides in Parchment, Michigan; and
- Gordon A., who resides with his parents.

Kenneth's education began at the West Main School in Kalamazoo, after which he went to the Woodward Avenue School. He was graduated from Central High School in February 1942. That year he entered Western Michigan College of Education and remained until he enlisted in the United States







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Navy December 7, 1942. He trained at Ohio Wesleyan College, Spokane, Washington, received his pre-flight training at St. Mary's, California, primary training at Norman, Oklahoma, and advanced flying at Corpus Christi. He had been stationed at Gosse Ile for one month. The body was returned to Kalamazoo, Michigan, for funeral services and burial.

#### Marriage

April 29, 1945, Kenneth Peter DeWitte was married to Margaret Louise Root at Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of E. A. Root and Marjorie Snyder Root of Scotch and English descent. Margaret was graduated from high school in 1942 and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1946.

#### Personal Characteristics

Kenneth was six feet one and one-half inches tall and weighed about one hundred seventy pounds. He had blonde hair and blue eyes.

He enjoyed playing golf, basket ball and soccer. He also enjoyed swimming. He was musical and played the accordion and the piano.

In politics he was a Republican. He regularly attended the Sunday school and worship services of the First Reformed Church in Kalamazoo and was a devout and faithful member.







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Kenneth Peter DeWitte was in every way well deserving of the name of a Christian gentleman. He was kind and considerate, loyal to his friends of whom he made many and kept them.

He was employed for a time in the engraving department of the Kalamazoo Gazette and was intensely interested in flying.

He was very much interested in education and was planning, when the war was over, to go to the University of Michigan.

Kenneth was another of those superb young men of Kalamazoo, the very soul of sincerity and integrity, who gave their all to maintain the ideals of freedom and democracy. As the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church, so may the blood of these young men bring forth a harvest of young men and women who will bring to the world a race that will realize the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God!











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Abraham De Young.



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Abraham De Young was born in a suburb of Chicago called Roseland, March 6, 1878, son of Cordelia Madderon and Dirk Jacob De Young. Dirk Jacob De Young was born in the Netherlands, January 23, 1843, in the Province of North Holland, died November 7, 1919. Cordelia Madderon was also born in the Province of North Holland.

Abraham De Young assisted his father who was a gardener and attended the public schools from which he was graduated and then went to the Western Theological Seminary. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903 and later was given the degree of Master of Arts. In recognition of the splendid service which he has given, in 1937, Hope College conferred upon Mr. De Young the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He attributes to his pastor at Roseland and to his parents the influence which led him into the service of the church and its ministry.

Dr. De Young's first pastorate was the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin, to which he



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was called July 15, 1903 and served until 1910, when on March 31, he became the pastor of the Reformed Church at Coopersville, Michigan. He served the Coopersville church until September 1918, when he became the pastor of the Fifth Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan and remained with that church until he became the pastor of the First Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, June 21, 1928. Dr. De Young has been honored by his church by being placed in offices and positions of trust and responsibility and at this writing in 1938 is a trustee of Hope College and is a member of the Progress Council of the Reformed Church.

August 9, 1906, Abraham De Young married Elizabeth Moerdyke. They are the parents of:

Raymond James, born January 31, 1908, died December 31, 1930, in Arabia;

Wilma Elizabeth, born August 5, 1916.

Dr. De Young plays golf and enjoys fishing. He co-operates with the other pastors and churches in religious and civic activities, is a diligent student, a careful administrator and is much appreciated by the large congregations which listen to his helpful messages twice each Sunday.













*Mr. and Mrs. John De Young*



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John De Young was born in the Netherlands March 31, 1871, son of William and Lena Verhulst De Young, and attended school in the Netherlands until he was sixteen years of age when the family came to Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was one of eleven children and three half brothers and a sister are living at this time in 1940.

The family lived on North Westnedge avenue, Kalamazoo for about one year and then land was bought in Portage township and celery was raised for a number of years. John lived with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one when he found employment in Kalamazoo until he was married February 7, 1895, to Cora C. Kalwaard and they began housekeeping on the Brook Lodge farm one mile north of Augusta, Michigan, where Mr. De Young became the farm manager and where the couple lived for forty-six years. The farm belongs to the W. E. Upjohn estate.

Mr. and Mrs. De Young became the parents of:







William, who married Alta Snow, became the father of John Thomas and Mary Jean, is employed by the United States government on the soil erosion program and resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

Nancy, who married E. H. Gilley, became the mother of Mariland Jean and Charles and resides in Battle Creek, Michigan;

Myron Clifford, who married Myrtle Townsend, became the father of Gordon, Clifford and Nancy and resides on the Richland Upjohn farms;

Lena, who married Francis McCue, is the mother of James and resides in Flint, Mich.

Cora C. Kalwaard was born in the Netherlands March 21, 1872, daughter of Marinus and Neelje Wiskerke Kalwaard, and came with her parents to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the spring of 1888. She died suddenly near Cary, Indiana, Thursday, October 24, 1940, while returning from a visit with her husband at the home of their son in Milwaukee.

In politics, Mr. De Young is an independent Republican. He is a member of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau and attends the Methodist Church in Augusta. Formerly both Mr. and Mrs. De Young attended the First Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

The funeral of Mrs. De Young was conducted by the Reverend Allen E. Bartlett, the pastor, and the Reverend John McCue of Hickory Corners, Michigan, and burial was in the Augusta cemetery.



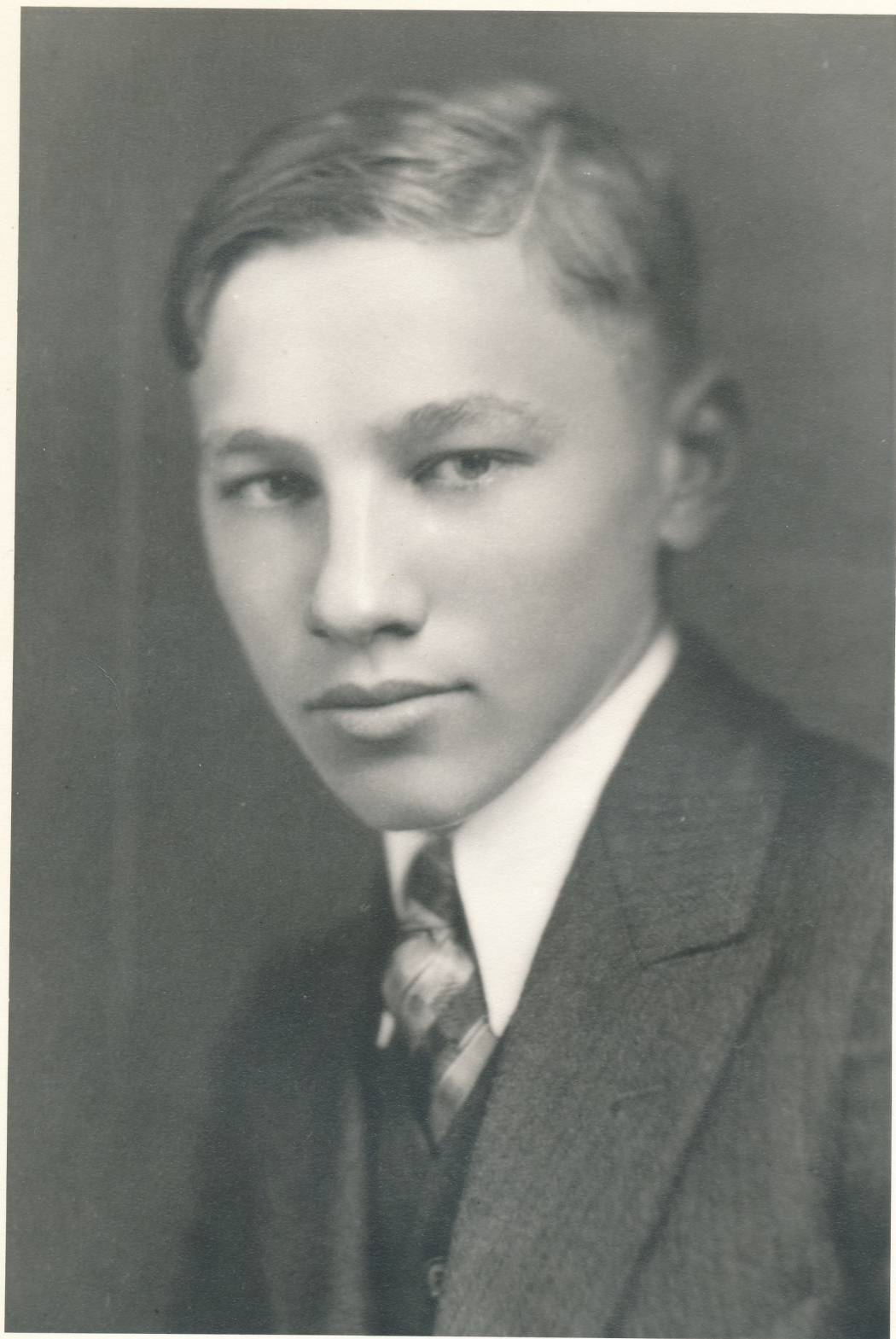








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Corporal Peter De Young died July 26, 1945, and his body was buried in Riverside cemetery, Kalamazoo, Michigan, after he had received a medical discharge from the United States Army in August, 1943.

He was called for his year of service in the army May 5th, 1941, and when war was declared he was kept in service.

He was trained at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, stayed there for several months and in April 1942 was sent to Australia and from there into combat. He served with Company M, 32nd Division, and went through the heavy battles of Buna, Gona and Sananandra campaigns.

#### Birth and Education

Peter was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 8, 1914, son of Peter B., and Jennie Bogard De Young, both of whom were born in The Netherlands, Peter B., February 15, 1873, and Jennie Bogard, October 27, 1881. They both came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in their youth and were married in Kalamazoo June 7, 1905, by the Reverend Henry Wolvers, a Holland







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minister. They also became the parents of:

Cora, born March 5, 1906, married Harold Martens and they became the parents of Ronald, born [REDACTED], Richard, born April 3, 1932, and Shirley, born [REDACTED], and they reside in Fulton, Michigan;

Carrie, born April 18, 1907, married Graydon Ball and they became the parents of John Vincent, born [REDACTED], Graydon Dale, born October 26, 1935, and Nancy Arlene, born [REDACTED], and they live now, in 1946, in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan;

John, born September 4, 1909, married Blanche O'Rourke and they reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Martin, born October 16, 1910, married Ethel Polsom and they reside in Parchment, Michigan;

Peter, who is deceased, not the subject of this writing;

Wilma, born January 7, 1917, married Morris Bos and they became the parents of Linda Ann, born [REDACTED], and Susan Kay, born [REDACTED], and they live in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Johanna, born November 13, 1919, married Clyde V. Kinney and they became the parents of George Thomas, born [REDACTED], and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Bernard, born May 25, 1922, and lives with his parents.

Peter attended the South Westnedge School through the fourth grade and was then transferred to the Parkwood School until he completed the sixth grade. He then went to the Vine Street School and was graduated from Central High School in 1931.







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Peter worked as a carpenter with his uncle John Brunsting for a time.

After his return from the army he attended Western Michigan College of Education for a short time until his physical condition became worse and he regretfully left school.

#### Personal Characteristics

Peter was five feet four inches tall, medium in build and had brown hair and blue eyes.

He was very fond of baseball and liked to play the game. He was an interested spectator at the football games and these seemed to be his main recreational interests.

He was always a good student and liked to read good books from the library. Being of a retiring disposition, he did not go out much socially. After his day's work was done he enjoyed most a quiet evening at home.

He was a devoted son and a kind brother and an all round fine young man. His training in a good home resulted in his being a fine, honest, energetic worker and a young man who lived up to high ideals of integrity.

"Farewell, dear voyager, thy work is done,  
Now may peace rest with thee.  
Thy kindly deeds and thoughts, they will live on.  
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Gurdon A. Dimoc



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Gurdon A. Dimoc was born October 21, 1859, on the Dimoc homestead near Chardon, Ohio. In 1888, he associated himself with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and was made the General Agent for southern Michigan and came to Kalamazoo in 1889.

September 27, 1885, he was married to Virginia M. Mowry, who was born October 8, 1862, in Montville, Ohio, the daughter of James and Esther Garrett Mowry. James Mowry was a soldier in the Civil War under General Sherman and the day Virginia was born he was fighting in his first battle at Perryville, Kentucky. She was raised to young womanhood in Montville and attended the public school, also a private school conducted by a Mr. Whitney. At the age of sixteen she went to school in Chardon, Ohio, where she met Mr. Dimoc whose home was about four miles from her father's home. Her father was of Welsh descent and her mother descended from a Connecticut yankee







family. She had taken training in stenography in Ohio and worked in her husband's office when they came to Kalamazoo and took additional training in the use of the Graham system of shorthand, besides training herself in the use of the typewriter on a Yost machine, in order to be able to better help her husband. She has lived in the Walnut Apartments in Kalamazoo for more than twenty years. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; belongs to the Woman's Committee of the Symphony Orchestra, is a member of the People's Church and belongs to the Woman's Alliance of that church.

While Mr. Dimoc was widely known in insurance circles, he was far better known as a successful breeder of fine stock, especially of pure-bred Holstein Friesian cattle at his Maple Crest Stock Farm near Chardon, Ohio, where, under his personal direction, and with the help of his brother, were raised many fine animals of prize-winning points.

He erected at the rear of his residence on East Lovell street, a riding pavilion which he threw open to his friends that they might enjoy equestrian sports.

Mr. Dimoc was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, a member of Kalamazoo Lodge No. 50, B. P. O. Elks.







He was also a member and trustee of the People's Church. Although always interested in municipal affairs, he refused to enter politics. However, at one time he was prevailed upon to accept appointment as a member of the Park Commission and he did much to beautify public playgrounds and other property.

He was a man of quiet manners, generous in supporting the various charities of the city and gave as much employment as he could to young men and women who were working their way through school, believing that educated young people are better equipped to meet the demands of modern life.

Having no children, Mr. and Mrs. Dimoc took upon themselves the care and education of a niece who became to them as a daughter. She is now Mrs. L. N. Ford, who resides not far from Kalamazoo.

Mr. Dimoc possessed that rare quality of personality that attracted people to him in deep friendship and men of all classes called him "friend." He was of a democratic nature and fully realized a man's worth, no matter in what station of life he walked and he sought to bring out the best in every one he met. He enjoyed the confidence of his closest friends and took much pleasure in being







a true friend to them. He was a man of broad understanding, liberal in all his views, upright in every particular, slow to condemn, quick to forgive. Gurdon Dimoc was the highest type of citizen.

Death came suddenly to Mr. Dimoc, March 24, 1916. He was in his office in the Baumann Block on South Burdick street, dictating to his secretary when without warning, he dropped dead. Thus, Kalamazoo lost one of its most beloved friends.







Charles Henry Dinsman









Effie E. Dingman



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Mrs. Charles Henry Dinsman



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Charles Henry Dingman was born on a farm near Fulton, Oswego county, New York, September 5, 1852, son of Chester and Lucinda Johnson Dingman, and had seven older brothers. His family took to the sea and most of them were sailors, who made their home in New York state.

As a lad he spent considerable time fishing, hunting and amateur sculpturing, making figures from stone and wood.

As Charles was the youngest of eight boys there was not much farm work for him to do, so at an early age he began driving the horses that towed the boats on the Erie Canal, at first working for his father and later running one of the boats for himself. After a while he went to New York City and worked on boats gathering oysters from the bay.

At the age of twenty-seven Mr. Dingman came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and learned the moulder's trade and was employed for many years by the Comstock Manufacturing Company, after which he worked three or four years for the Rex Paper Company.







June 27, 1884, Charles Henry Dingman was married to Effie Eudora Hutchinson at Comstock, Michigan, who was born in Comstock January 24, 1861, daughter of James H. and Lorinda Sally Loveland Hutchinson, who came to Michigan in 1857, in December. James H. Hutchinson was born in the town of Denis, Cayuga county, New York, October 2, 1832. The Hutchinsons originally came from England.

Effie Eudora Hutchinson has lived all her life in Comstock, attended the Comstock school and took up music and painting, learned to sew and helped with the work of the household. Although she was a frail young lady, she was fond of driving the fast horses kept by her grandfather in those days. On August 19, 1883, she was received into the membership of the Comstock Methodist Church by the pastor, the Reverend John White. She became a member of the Ladies Aid Society and served as secretary and as treasurer. She also became a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and taught Sunday school classes for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dingman began housekeeping in Comstock and for fifty-four years lived in the house where Mrs. Dingman still makes her home at the time







of this writing in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Dingman became the parents of: Nina Bell, who married Clyde P. Botsford December 26, 1902 and became the mother of Dorothy, Winnifred and Elizabeth and resides in Kalamazoo; Lila E., who married Clyde Abbey October 14, 1908, resides on a farm in Pavilion township, Kalamazoo county and is the mother of Carroll and George Abbey, the latter a radio technician who was inducted into the United States Army June 12-16, 1941 and was assigned to Headquarters Company, now stationed in Louisiana, and now wears three stripes on his sleeve; Mr. and Mrs. Dingman's only son, Ray, married Vera Doxey and became the father of Eleanor, Charles, Kenneth, June and Ronald, is a machinist and resides in Comstock.

Mr. Dingman enjoyed gardening and fishing. He belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was a Democrat. He was an upright man, attended and financially supported the Methodist Church and gave to the Red Cross, the needy, and various charities. Mrs. Dingman enjoys piecing quilts, making rugs and crocheting.

Death came to Mr. Dingman April 5, 1930. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend H. H. Harris and burial was in the Comstock cemetery.















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Sergeant Max Otto Doan, number 36405403, Company A, 260th Infantry, was killed in action in Germany March 18, 1945. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Roy L. Allen:

"Max happened to be with a squad which had the mission of clearing a house, which was known to be occupied by the enemy. As they passed an open space one soldier was hit and fell to the ground. Sgt. Doan saw the man and without hesitation or regard to his personal safety attempted to reach the man and administer first aid. He was killed while doing so."

His body was buried in a military cemetery at Luxemburg, Belgium, and on May 13, 1945, a memorial service was held at The Community Methodist Church at Parchment, Michigan, in charge of the American Legion, the Reverend Victor Thrall, D. D., officiating.

Max was awarded the Purple Heart Medal posthumously and it was received by his small daughter May 18, 1945.

#### Birth and Education

Max Otto Doan was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 13, 1913, son of Oscar John and Effie







Mendenhall Doan, both of American born ancestry. Both of Mrs. Doan's grandfathers were Civil War veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar John Doan were married in Kalamazoo, Michigan, February 4, 1910, and until now in 1946 have resided in Kalamazoo. He was born in Southern Ohio August 4, 1888, and lived there for some time before he came to Kalamazoo to work. Mrs. Doan was born in Ridgeville, Indiana, May 1, 1892, and came to Kalamazoo for her marriage. They also became the parents of:

James, born July 10, 1911, married Dorothy Whitehurst and they became the parents of David, born [redacted], and Janet Fay, born May 20, 1945, and died July 17, 1945, and those living reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Dorothy, born July 2, 1915, married William Hutchins and they became the parents of William, Jr., born [redacted], and Barbara Sue, born [redacted], and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Max attended the old Frank Street School, later named the Lincoln School, and later went to Central High School from which he was graduated.

After graduation he and his brother decided to take a trip to California and Max was gone just a year to a day.

Max took a course in Maher's Business College after which he was employed by the Kalamazoo







Vegetable Parchment Company, working in the office of "Specialty Sales."

When the war broke out Max felt the urge to help his country but when he tried to enlist he was rejected because of his eyes, but later he was drafted.

He left for military service November 1, 1942. Weak eyes put him originally in limited service at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, after receiving some training at Fort Custer, Michigan. He was then sent to Governor's Island, New York, with the Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft medical corps. He was a sergeant by the following August. He also received training at Camp Davis and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, leaving for overseas from the latter and landing at Havre, France. He went from there into Germany and was overseas but two months when he was killed.

The following are some excerpts from letters written by Max:

Describing his trip overseas he wrote:

"Until I found the ship's cold storage room and snared some illegal grapefruits and apples I couldn't keep even aromatic spirits of ammonia down. That's when you really realize that a ship's vitals never stop throbbing, never stop rolling.

"From the travel folders I'd expected to cruise over in comfort and style, but this is something else. My outfit drew the hold -



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there's nothing lower, nothing further back.  
We got the least air, the most roll.

We're quartered four deep with less than 18 inches between; neighboring bunks are on three sides with a 2 inch separation. On the fourth side is an 18 inch aisle, used as exit and entrance. And, as there are no hangers, hooks or storage space, our clothes, duffel bags and equipment go there too. VERY COZY INDEED! Meals are breakfast at 8:30, coffee and cookies at noon, and supper at 5:30 P. M. reached after an hour's meandering through corridors and up and down decks. We eat from our own mess gear, standing. There are no chairs on this ship for troops. Except for meals, boat drill, and a routine morning inspection of quarters we are left pretty much to our own devices....we spend most of our time on deck."

On March 13, 1945, he wrote:

"I finally made it to 'somewhere in Germany.' That's about all I can tell you. The censor here is a miser when it comes to letting us give out with words, but I'll tell you some big lies after the war."

Three days later, two days before he was killed, he wrote Mr. Southon:

"Your letter reached me here in Germany at 4:00 A. M. today. We've rigged up a lamp of sorts from a one-time lighter fluid bottle and I lost no time in planking myself down beside it to read what you had to say.

"Though things here are anything but pleasant, I'm better satisfied than I've been at any time since hitting the army...I really feel, at last as though I am doing something worth while."

#### Marriage

On August 22, 1942, Max was married to Barbara Stolle of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they became the parents of Julia Kay [REDACTED].  
This marriage was dissolved.







Personal Characteristics

Max was average height and weight and had auburn hair and blue eyes.

He was an out door chap, liked to hike and spend much time in the open. He liked Michigan and enjoyed his vacations at Lake Michigan or somewhere in the state. Although he had been to California and passed through other states, to Max Michigan was the best state in the Union.

He was musical and for several years sang in The First Methodist Church choir in Kalamazoo.

He liked water sports and was a good swimmer, was a graceful dancer, and liked to listen to the radio and read.

Max entered the employ of the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company February 16, 1934, and got his ten year pin while in service.

He was a happy, optimistic young man, working hard at whatever he had to do, and enjoying all of life. He had an enthusiasm for living.

Max made friends slowly, but the fellows respected him for his sincerity of purpose and for his splendid comradeship.

Roy L. Allen wrote to Mrs. Doan, his mother,

"I knew your son well, even before he came to "A" Company. Don't think I am merely flattering your son by saying he was a fine







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man. He was a Sgt. and one of the very few that I have never heard use a curse word. He always conducted himself as a gentleman and a good soldier."

The nation honors this fine young son,  
fighting so bravely his part in this great conflict.  
God grant him peace.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."















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William Henry Dobbin, whose stage name was William Dorbin, was born January 3, 1881, son of John and Julia O'Meara Dobbin, both natives of Ireland. He had one sister, Miss Mary B. Dobbin, 3254 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

While yet a boy William Henry put on plays for himself and gave piano recitals at the old Kalamazoo Institute of Music.

Mr. Dorbin began his theatrical career with the Hunt Stock Company, under Al Hunt, who at the time of this writing in 1942 conducts a restaurant in Shelbyville, Michigan. For two years Mr. Dorbin travelled with the Ringling circus as steward.

Probably his earliest stage success was "The Man On The Box." After Henry Dixie had completed his successful run of this great play, Mr. Dorbin took the company on the road. One of his several appearances on Broadway was in the Booth Tarkington play "Tweedles," in 1923.

Another notable stage play in which Mr. Dorbin appeared with Alexander Woolcott, was with a road







company of "The Man Who Came To Dinner." He toured the United States and Canada with "Thorns and Orange Blossoms" and starred in "The Aviator."

His outstanding ability in theatricals was noted in the fact that he played all types of parts, which he memorized quickly and accurately, melodramas, farces, the flops and successes, according to his own characterizations. To him goes the credit for creating a comedy situation which has been more widely copied and unquestionably produced more laughs than anything ever attempted before the camera, that of receiving a custard pie in the face, a feat which came through an accident.

About a year before his death he starred in the Kalamazoo Civic Player production, "It Can't Happen Here."

For forty years Mr. Dorbin was recognized as one of the most capable players on the stage. The last play which he rehearsed was "Portrait of a Lady" in which he co-starred with Ruth Gordon and he was bringing her a box of flowers when death overtook him at the stage door in Boston, Massachusetts, Christmas Eve, 1941, in the Majestic theater.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Kalamazoo by Reverend







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R. R. Dunigan and burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.















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Wilhelm Maximus Doering was born in the village of Ravenstein, Saatjig, Germany, April 5, 1854. His mother was Charlotte Runge. His grandfather was manager of a large government farm, then a soldier and officer in the German army.

Wilhelm Doering attended school in Ravenstein and was graduated from the grade school at the age of fourteen, after which he worked as a gardener and helped in a brick-yard, receiving eight dollars a year for his services.

He came to the United States in a sail boat as a neighbor's child and when they could no longer afford to feed him, he helped to earn his way by working in the captain's kitchen. After he landed he found work on a farm at ten dollars per month, which to this seventeen year old boy seemed like big wages. He worked and saved until he had accumulated \$700.00, which he loaned to his sister without security and was never able to collect payment. This was a keen disappointment to a proud young man who was about to be married and make a home. However,







these reverses did not discourage the young couple and they were married without a penny and in spite of many discouraging experiences they live happily together for fifty-seven years. They were married in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Her name was Amelia Otelia Krause. They were the parents of Ida, Arnold, Amelia, William, and Max. Amelia died at the age of three years. Wilhelm Doering had four brothers born in Germany, Edward, Julius, William and Albert.

Amelia Krause, daughter of Dorothea Zable and Adams Dorf Krause, also came to this country in a sail boat when she was five years of age, and her people settled in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. She had one sister, Augusta, and two brothers, Charles and Albert Krause. They were of the Moravian faith and Amelia Krause's children were baptised and confirmed in the Moravian church in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, by the Reverend Mr. Ritenbeck. Amelia Krause Doering died March 24, 1934.

Following his marriage Wilhelm Doering and his brother-in-law, Charlie Krause, went to making brick by hand and their wives were their helpers, keeping fire. In 1890 they bought a farm in Waterloo, Wisconsin. They purchased 120 acres at \$30.00 per acre and sold it five years later for double the







money. Then they bought a home in Lake Mills and later exchanged this home for a farm in Schoolcraft, Michigan, but did not move there until seventeen years later. In the meantime Mr. Doering managed a large 440 acre dairy farm in Atzlan, Wisconsin, for three years and then moved back to Lake Mills and bought a home and managed a lumber yard for fourteen years. He then moved with his family to the farm in Schoolcraft, Michigan, and spent the remaining years in farming and exchanging real estate near Kalamazoo.

Mr. Doering served for four years as alderman in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, and at another time he was elected as a member of a school board. His religious interests were with the Lutheran church in which he had been confirmed as a member.

Death came to Mr. Doering August 8, 1935.

Written July 30, 1937.

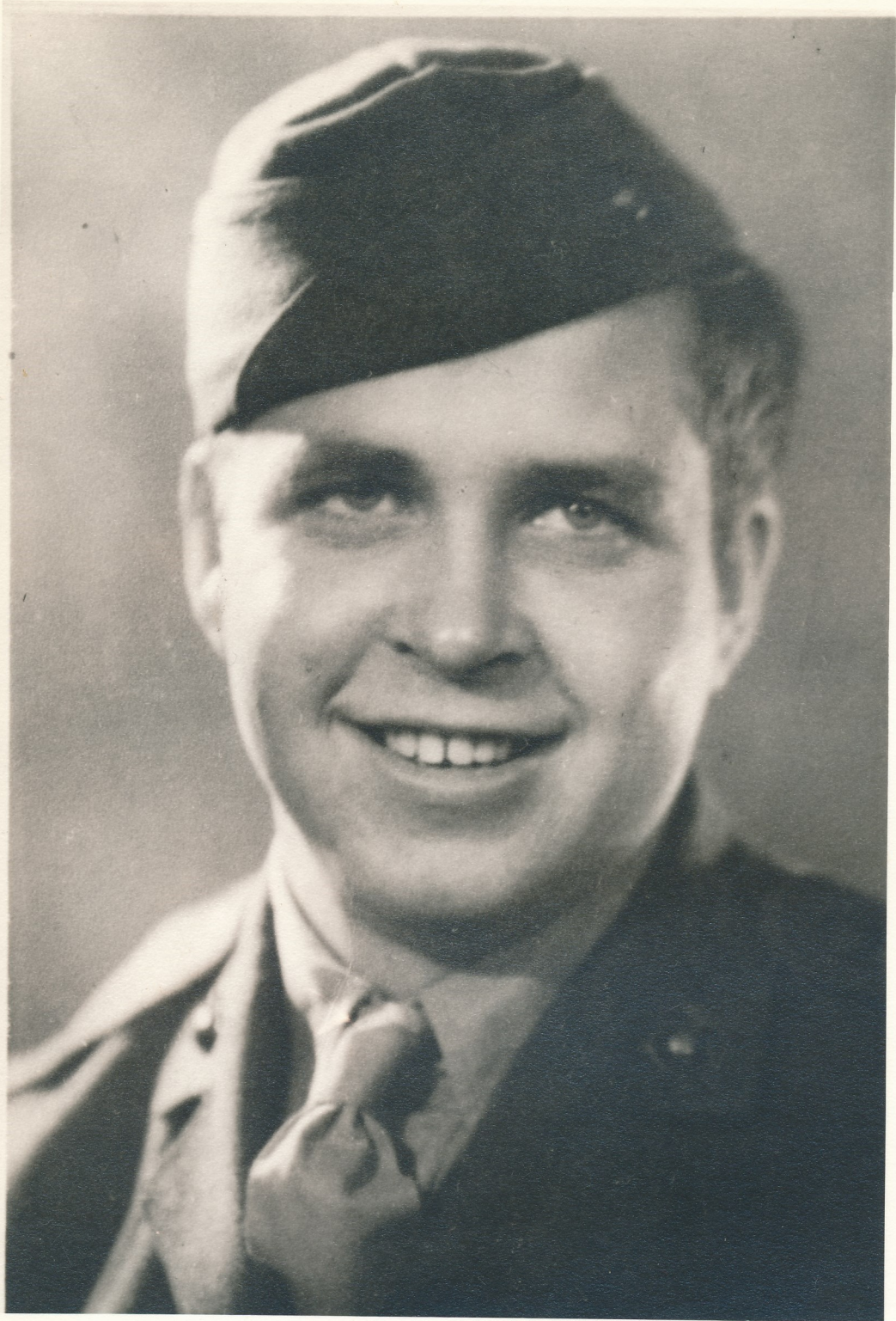














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Private First Class William Henry Dolph,  
Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, died June  
27, 1944, from a wound received in action on  
Saipan in the Central Pacific area.

He enlisted April 29, 1942, received training  
at San Diego, California, and left for overseas  
August 23, 1942. He took part in the invasions of  
the Gilberts and Marshall islands. The last  
letter received from him by his parents was dated  
in mid-June 1944.

His body was buried in an United States Marine  
Cemetery on Saipan, Plot C, Row 10, Grave 18. His  
mother received his Purple Heart Medal.

Birth and Education

He was born May 24, 1923, son of Frank Allen  
Dolph of English descent and Olive May Guy Dolph  
of English-American origin.

William's birth-place was Berrien county,  
Michigan. The family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan,  
about 1926 and resided on Fourth street. From  
there they moved to Lover's Lane and then to a







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location between Scotts and Galesburg, Michigan, after which they returned to Kalamazoo, Michigan. For a time the family resided on the east side of the city and at the time of this writing in 1946 they reside in the home which they purchased in 1945 at 1024 Alcott street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen Dolph also became the parents of:

Dewey Allen, born September 6, 1913, married Elva Munson and they became the parents of Richard Don and Duane Dewey;

Anna Almina, born September 3, 1915, married Jeff McCormick and they became parents of Beverly Jean, who died in infancy and Robert;

Helen Irene, born June 5, 1917, married Arnold Perkins;

Frank Edward, born September 18, 1919, married Rosetta Cothran and they became parents of Edward and Robert;

Teke Vonda, born December 28, 1922, married Richard Blett and they became parents of Ralph and Beverly Jean;

Glenn Lyle, born May 20, 1925;

Margaret Bernadine, born May 4, 1928, married Leonard Blett and they became the parents of Robert, who died in infancy;

Kenneth Nijah, born March 21, 1930;

Richard Gene, born October 5, 1931;

Harold Robert, born December 21, 1932; and

Patricia May, born [REDACTED].

Dewey served in the Medical Corps in the







United States Army as an ambulance driver and was overseas for eighteen months.

William attended the Harding, Edson, McKinley and Vine Street Schools in Kalamazoo, after which he was employed at a tire shop.

#### Personal Characteristics

He was five feet eight inches tall and weighed about one hundred seventy-five pounds. He had dark brown hair and blue eyes and an engaging smile.

He liked clean fun and mischief and was always in good humor, whistling, singing and teasing.

New Zealand people who became well acquainted with him wrote to his parents that he was such a likable person that all who knew him mourned his death.

William attended the Wilson Memorial Methodist Church in Recreation Park and he especially liked his Church School teacher, Mr. Percy Fish.

William Henry Dolph, another Kalamazoo boy honored and beloved by many, made the supreme sacrifice for freedom.

We salute you, Bill! May you rest in peace!







Ellen Agnes Doolan



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Ellen Agnes Doolan was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 2, 1862, daughter of Michael and Margaret Hyland Doolan, both of whom were born in Dublin, Ireland.

While Ellen was yet a small child the family moved to Mendon, Michigan. In her early teens she returned to Kalamazoo and learned the dress-making trade with Mrs. Mary Williams. As was the custom in those days, she went from house to house and did the sewing for the families of her patrons.

About 1905, she opened a dress shop in the Peck building. This was a very successful venture and she developed a business which enabled her in 1924 to purchase the home at 605 West Lovell Street, where she lived for eighteen years. She also conducted her business here and was the first to have a ready-to-wear dress shop in her home. She retired from business in 1932.

Miss Doolan travelled all through the United States and Canada, frequently visiting New York City on buying trips and in 1911 she went to Europe,



ELLEN AGNES DOOLAN

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Ellen Agnes Doolan was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 2, 1882, daughter of Michael and Margaret Hyland Doolan, both of whom were born in Dublin, Ireland.

While Ellen was yet a small child the family moved to Mendon, Michigan. In her early teens she returned to Kalamazoo and learned the dress-making trade with Mrs. Mary Williams. As was the custom in those days, she went from house to house and did the sewing for the families of her patrons.

About 1905, she opened a dress shop in the Peck building. This was a very successful venture and she developed a business which enabled her in 1924 to purchase the home at 805 West Lovell Street, where she lived for eighteen years. She also conducted her business here and was the first to have a ready-to-wear dress shop in her home. She retired from business in 1932.

Miss Doolan travelled all through the United States and Canada, frequently visiting New York City on buying trips and in 1911 she went to Europe.



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Arthur James Dooley, son of James and Lavina Wilson Dooley was born in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, February 27, 1892. He was of English-Irish descent. The other children in the family were Lester, Claude, Clyde, Lila, Clarence and Harold, all living in Michigan, except Clyde, who is deceased.

Arthur's early life was spent near the place of his birth and he attended the rural school near his home. He was graduated from the Oshtemo high school, after which he began work with the Kalamazoo County Highway Department and, with but one interruption, had a continuous service record of nearly thirty years, the longest of any employee of the Highway Department up to date.

June 20, 1917, he was married to Miss Edith Belle Early, who was also a native of Kalamazoo county and was born January 23, 1897, to Joseph Early and his wife, Minnie Olvitt Early. The farm home was near Comstock and the other children are George, Floyd, Leon and Edna, all of whom reside in







Michigan at the time of this writing in 1943. The parents were of Holland and Irish ancestry.

Edith Early was graduated from the Comstock high school and attended Western Michigan College of Education, then known as Western State Teachers College.

Following soon after his marriage Arthur Dooley responded to the call of the United States Army and in November 1917 he entered service in an Observation Balloon Squadron stationed then in San Antonio and later in Waco, Texas.

While he was away his young wife was employed by the Upjohn Company and later in the office of Ihling Brothers.

After the Armistice, Mr. Dooley returned to his home and for a few months the young couple lived on a farm east of Kalamazoo, but he soon resumed his old position with the Kalamazoo County Highway Department and they moved into Kalamazoo and resided in the south end of the city. Later they built a home on Shafer avenue. With his veteran's bonus Mr. Dooley purchased a farm near Galesburg, Michigan, but later sold it and the home on Shafer avenue and bought another home on Shafer avenue across from his former one.







Mr. and Mrs. Dooley became the parents of Lee LeRoy July 1, 1920 and of Beverly Jean [redacted], the latter attending the Gull Road school.

Arthur Dooley was proud of his own record as a soldier, so was doubly proud to be able to send a son into the service of his country when Lee joined the Service Battery Branch stationed in the Panama Canal zone. Early in 1943 Lee came home on furlough and was married to Miss Ann DeWolfe on February 13, 1943. She was the daughter of William DeWolfe of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and was employed before her marriage by the Bell Telephone Company.

For thirty years, lacking but three months, Arthur Dooley worked for the Kalamazoo County Highway Department and for seventeen years he was superintendent of construction and maintenance. He gained an intimate knowledge of every road in the county and knew the topography in detail. He was adept with machinery and all the operating intricacies of the road equipment were an open secret to him.

In sports he liked fishing best, because, he said, he could "sit and think." He was a discriminating reader, his taste being for books of an







educational nature, geography and history appealing to him more than fiction.

He dignified whatever work he did and the men who worked under his supervision held him in high respect. If one of them was obliged for some good reason to lay off for a few hours, Mr. Dooley would take his place, if necessary. His alert mind, skilled hands and well disciplined body elicited their admiration.

Mr. Dooley especially enjoyed spending his leisure hours at home with Mrs. Dooley and his two children to whom he was utterly devoted, listening to good music, gardening and attending to his yard. His mother and sister lived near by and they also received his attention, his advice, counsel and comfort.

He was a supporter of the East Main Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Dooley was a member. His son Lee, under the guidance of the chaplain of his company, took the vows of the Christian life. The family has been known as an upright, God-fearing one, as good citizens of their state, county and city.

Mr. Dooley was of medium height and slender build and had dark hair and dark gray eyes. He passed away after a short illness December 29. 1942. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas







Wyllie, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

He died as he had lived, a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

"Now the soldier's task is o'er,  
Now the day of work is past,  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last."















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Edward J. Dougherty was born April 13, 1859, in Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, son of Susan and Michael Dougherty of Irish descent. After marriage he and Mrs. Dougherty moved to a farm in Oshtemo Township about one mile from his birth place. He purchased the farm and resided there the remainder of his life. In addition to his farm Mr. Dougherty conducted a store at what came to be known as Dougherty's Corners.

May 15, 1889, Edward J. Dougherty married Jessie Redmond and they were the parents of the following children: Paul E., born September 15, 1892, married Gertrude McMullen and resides in Kalamazoo; Lewis I., born September 7, 1893, married Berneda Farling and resides in Kalamazoo; Joseph M., born August 14, 1894, married Grace Thomas and resides on the old home farm in Oshtemo; Mary L., born April 4, 1897, married Henry Saums and resides in Alamo; Elizabeth C., born April 22, 1899, married H. Sterling Welborn, resides on a farm north of Parchment; Mable S., born December 30, 1901 and







resides in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Dougherty was very active in the Republican party and was elected highway commissioner for a number of years. He was greatly interested in good roads and the development of the community in which he lived. He also was a carpenter and was a member of the West Oshtemo Grange.

Mr. Dougherty died April 14, 1936. He was survived by all his sons and daughters, a sister, Mrs. Mae Hurley of New York, and thirteen grandchildren. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Harry Walker and burial was in the Oshtemo cemetery.

Written in May 1937.

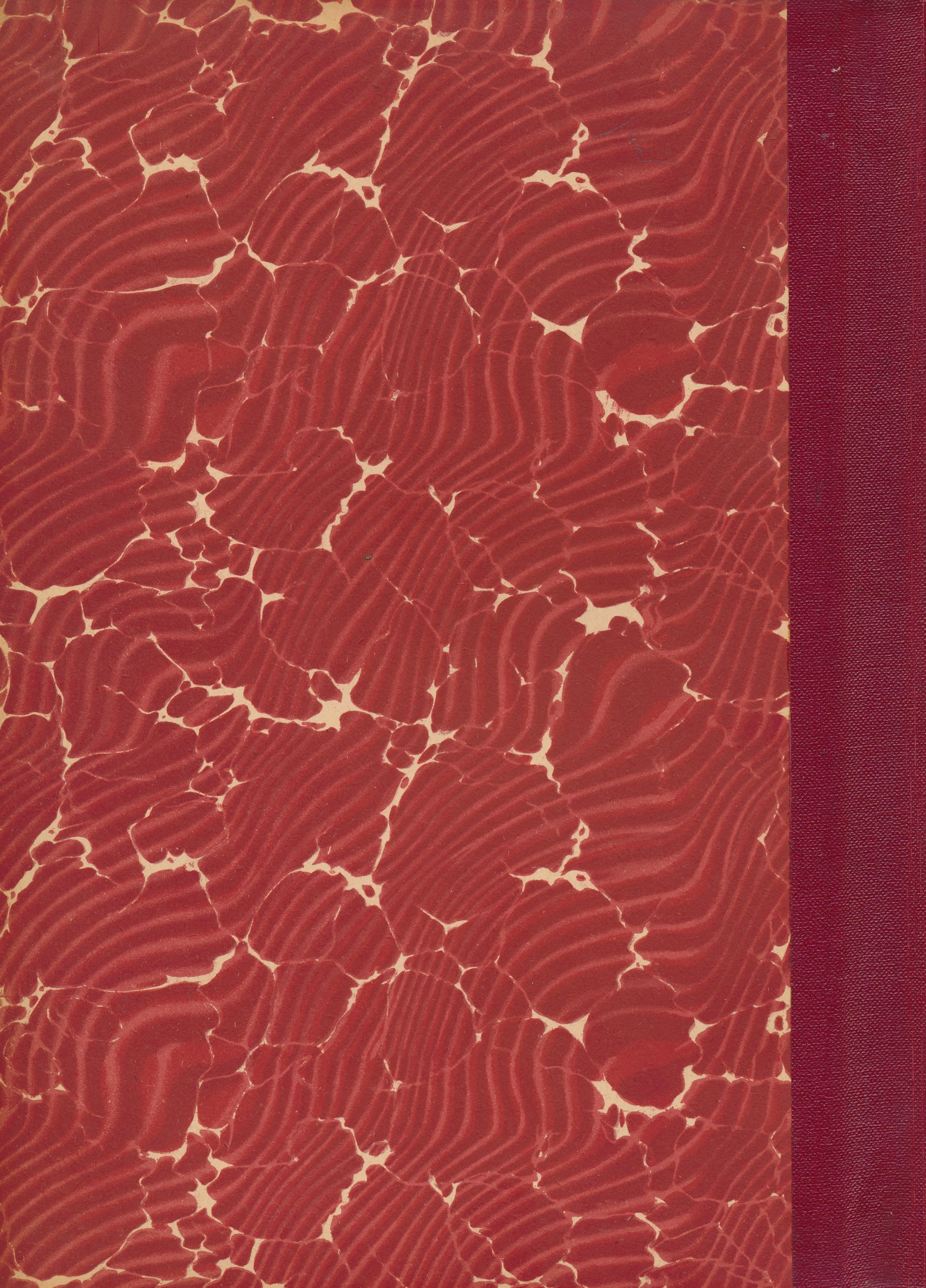




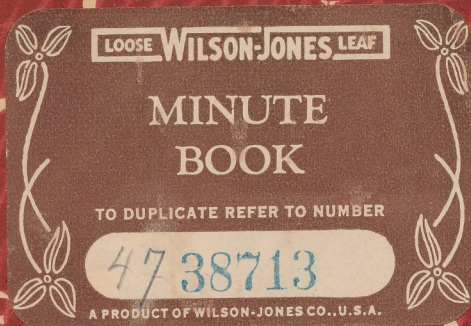














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